

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Avonville

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Bailey's Neck Road, 1.6 miles west of Md. Rt. 333

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert B. Harrison

Telephone #: (301) 822-6922

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 456

Folio #: 569

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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Avonville is a large two and one-half story brick dwelling constructed in three sections between 1760 and 1937. The oldest portion of the dwelling is three bays wide and two deep and is located in the center of the long composition. Its north facade is laid in Flemish bond and there is both watertable and belt course. The first story windows have three-centered arches above with 9/9 sash and louvered shutters. The second story windows have 12/12 sash and louvered shutters. Two dormers light the third floor room. On the west side of the 'A' roof are two chimneys rising from within the walls of the squarish main block. The entrance is located in the easternmost bay of the house and is covered by a small portico. The door has an ellepticial fanlight and sidelights which appear twentieth century.

Originally, the door was located in the center bay of the house, as it is on the south facade. Adjacent that former door is the date 1760 inscribed in one of the bricks. The one original window on this facade has been lengthened.

The interior of this portion of the house consists presently of a stair hall with den on the west and living room on the south. From evidence in the basement, it appears that the original floor plan consisted of a central stair hall on the north half of the building flanked by two small rooms, with two larger rooms on the south side of the house. In plan it would have resembled Radcliffe Manor, although on a smaller scale. It was identical to the original plan of Gross Coate which had two seperate fireplace arches on the east side and corner fireplace arches on the west side of the basement.

It appears that the first alterations to the house, namely the change of floorplan, occurred around 1840. Around the 1880's a large frame four bay long wing was constructed on the east side of the dwelling for kitchen and dining room for which purpose it is still used, although the interior has been altered in recent years.

With the addition of a large drawing room on the west side of the house in 1937, the east wing was faced with brick and its roof was raised. In more recent years, a porch was added on the south side of the dining room as well as the main old section. The 1937 wing is slightly lower than either of the other two sections and has differing fenestration.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, Avonville is one of the great houses of the third quarter of the 18th century in Talbot County. Its plans are like the original Gross Coate and Radcliffe Manor, of the same period, although on a smaller scale. Some of the original trim exists on the second story, but most has been replaced at least once.

In the 1798 Federal Direct Tax, Richard Trippe is listed as owning this two story brick house 33 by 26 feet valued at \$600. The kitchen at that time was 30 by 15 feet. Beside the dwelling and kitchen there was also a carriage house and a Quarter. It was called Part of Turners Point and was located on Bailey's Neck according to the tax records.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Forman, H.C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland,  
 Easton, Md., 1934.

Federal Direct Tax, 1798.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Aug, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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